

The Pileup

May 1995 Special Field Trip Edition

The Carolina DX Association

Announcing the first (?) CDXA field trip!

When? Saturday, May 20, 1995

Time? 1:00 PM

Place? Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Plastics Plant, Monroe, NC (Frank Dowd, Jr, K4BVQ is CEO). If you would like to gather for lunch prior to the tour, we will meet at a nearby restaurant, **Union Station**, at 12 noon, and then head to the plant.

What you will see: This plant, with 600 employees, produces PVC pipe and fittings. It is the largest manufacturer of DWV (Drain/Waste/Vent) PVC in the United States. Some of you may have seen this plant featured on "This Old House" a few years ago. This should be an very interesting tour, and we are looking forward to joining Frank for this event.

Frank says they can accommodate as many as we bring, but he would appreciate a head count so he can arrange for enough guides. **Please RSVP to me, K2SD**, by packet (at WD4R's node), by phone at 847-7734, by snail mail - 2440 Williams Road, Matthews, NC, 28105, or E-Mail, scottd@ibm.net

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Directions:

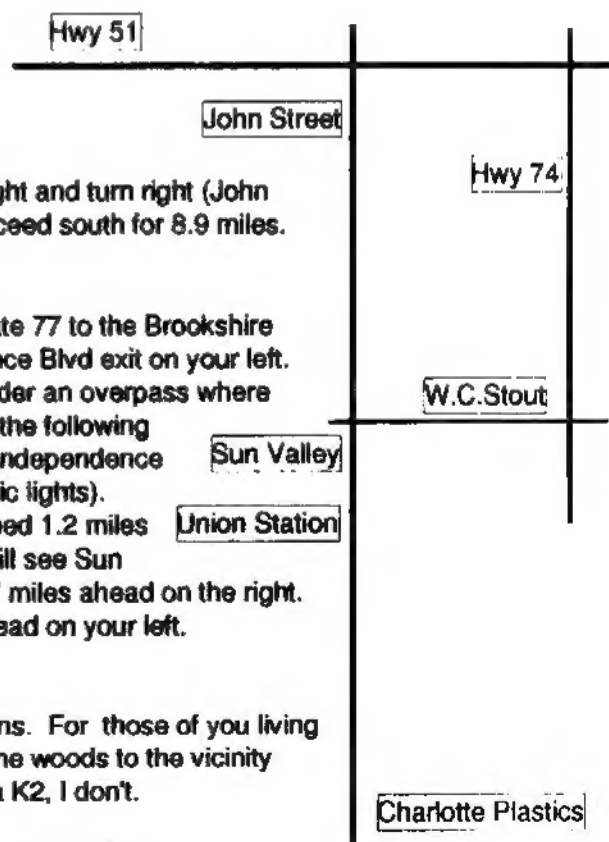
Charlotte Plastics is located in Monroe, NC, on the Matthews-Monroe Road. If you are familiar with Charlotte, just get on Monroe Road and head south - go through Matthews and keep on truckin!

From Highway 51: Go east on 51 until you get to the John Street light and turn right (John street is Monroe Road, except that Matthews had to rename it). Proceed south for 8.9 miles. Charlotte Plastics will be on your left.

From Independence Blvd: (If coming from out of town, take Interstate 77 to the Brookshire Expressway exit, proceed east a few miles, and take the Independence Blvd exit on your left. Follow Independence Blvd east for about 12 miles. You will pass under an overpass where Highway 51 crosses Independence. Make a note of your odometer; the following milages are from this point!). From the junction of Highway 51 and Independence Blvd (Hwy 74), proceed south for 5.9 miles (you will encounter 6 traffic lights). At the 6th light, turn right onto Wesley Chapel Stout Road, and proceed 1.2 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Matthews-Monroe Road. You will see Sun Valley High School on your right. The Union Station Restaurant is .7 miles ahead on the right. From the Union Station restaurant, Charlotte Plastics is 1.2 miles ahead on your left.

There will be someone monitoring 147.18 if you need further directions. For those of you living in Rock Hill or Fort Mill, there are ways of getting from your neck of the woods to the vicinity of Charlotte Plastics, and I trust that you know the way. Since I am a K2, I don't.

Scott Douglass K2SD



President's Message.....

Hey fellow CDXA members! Hope this note finds you all well and enjoying the "greening" of the landscape. With the advent of great weather comes the start of all those antenna projects we have been postponing for so long. In a few words....Be Careful!!!

On the Packet Cluster...Welcome to our new members! Glad to have your support and input. Remember, new and old members too, make those spots. Give the system input - Don't just be a user, be active.

Our NETROM at Wingate is getting closer and closer. We need an antenna, then we will put it all in place. I will keep you posted. The callsign will be WIN.

Thanks to our VP for a great activity planned at Charlotte Plastic and for producing this newsletter. Be sure to thank him profusely and often.

73, Joe
WD4R

From the desk of K2SD:

Here is some information I found on the Internet (One of many messages on the DX reflector):

From: Oleg.A.Chernozyomov <victoria@rada1.saratov.su>
Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc
Subject: QSL-bureau of New Independent States, ex-USSR
Date: Tue, 04 Apr 95 09:07:09 +0400
Organization: Radio-Autograph
Lines: 27

Hello, All,

I hope, this list would be useful for better QSL-ing
with ex-USSR territories.

EK - Box 22, Yerevan 375000 Armenia
ER - Box 6637, Kishinev-50, 277050 Moldavia
EU - Box 469, c/o EU1AO, Minsk-50, 220050 Byelorussia
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UK - Box 0, Tashkent, 700000, Uzbekistan
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UR - Box 56, U.A.R.L. Kiev-1 252001 Ukraine
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The Internet is a resource that all serious DXers should be familiar with and take advantage of! IMHO (In my humble opinion - you see abbreviations like this all over the Internet) there is no better way to keep up to date in all aspects of our hobby - or with any other interest you may have. For DX purposes, the ***DX Reflector*** can supply all kinds of information - perhaps more than you will be able to handle! The DX Reflector is a node (computer) on the internet which accepts messages from a subscriber, and then sends (reflects) that message back to all subscribers. It's a pretty simple concept, but very effective. There is also a Contest Reflector, and if you operate a contest it is the quickest way to get results after a contest.

There are many other sites on the Internet that specialize in Amateur Radio. ***Usenet*** is a feature on the net which has more than 10,000 (and growing daily) individual interest groups, each specializing in a specific topic. There are a number of Amateur Radio groups. These work like bulletin boards - individuals post articles, and other users read and reply to the article. Many topics are covered, some more interesting than others!

The fastest-growing area of the internet is the ***World Wide Web*** (WWW). This graphical interface requires a good personal computer system and (IMHO) a minimum of a 14.4 data modem. There are many ham radio "Web Pages", and these are growing daily. This is a great interface into the internet for the less than computer literate!

The bottom line is that if you are not on the net, you are missing a whole lot of stuff (including a lot of free software and other Amateur-related data). It is really easy to access the internet nowadays, and there are a number of ways to do so:

(1) For E-Mail only, many local bulletin boards offer E-Mail access. For example, I use the Carolina Forum Bulletin Board in Charlotte. It sends and receives your E-Mail once every hour. This board charges \$25 dollars a year for full bulletin board privileges. There are similar deals available from other boards.

(2) Online services: America Online, Prodigy, and Compuserve all offer Internet Access, and all are now (or soon) offering World Wide Web access. Monthly charges are in the \$10 - \$14 per month range, and all offer many other services besides internet access.

(3) For OS/2 Warp users, Warp comes with extensive internet support, and IBM offers full internet access via their subsidiary Advantix. Prices start at around \$12 per month.

(4) Local providers: Many companies have been formed in the past few years to supply internet access. VNET and Sunbelt Net are two local providers that may be contacted for additional information.

As you see, there are many ways to get started. Give it a try and you will be an accomplished net surfer before you know it!

The Crisis Continues

The CDXA still needs a permanent Newsletter editor. Over the past several years K2SD, KD4IL, and WZ3Q have manned this position (some longer than others). KD4IL kindly consented to do the last one, and I likewise am doing this one, but neither of us plan to retake the reins - it's time for someone else to step forward. Please examine your innermost desires for notoriety, and give it a try. It can be fun, and you also have a captive audience of 150 members who measure the passage of time with the arrival of this fine periodical.

It is also time to start thinking about a slate of officers for next year. A knowledge of DX and the ability to organize and lead a club such as this are all that is required. We have many members who would fill this bill, look around and see who you would like to lead the organization into the latter half of this decade. Let the current officers know what you think!

Finally, please let me know if you have any ideas for meeting topics or club activities. Don't forget our Weekly lunch at Shoney's on Woodlawn in Charlotte - we always have a great time swapping lies and chowing down.

K2SD

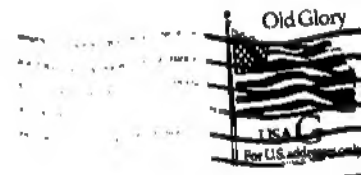
Guide to CDXA Packet Node Connections

The CDXA provides two DX packetcluster nodes with a wealth of DC information such as DX spots, callbook info, W6GO QSL Manager List, DX bulletins, and many other things of interest to the DXer. Both nodes are linked together and provide the exact same DX information. Please connect to your nearest node. In general, those in SC and south of I-85 should connect to WD4R in SE Charlotte, on 144.91 MHZ.

Those users in NC north of I-85 should connect to N4ZC in Stanley on 144.93 MHz. Users in northern NC can connect to N4ZC by first connecting to DXNG. Once you get a connect message back from DXNG you connect to N4ZC. DXNG is located midway between Statesville and Salisbury on Young Mountain.

Please remember to use the **high** power setting on your 2 meter radio. Please call WD4R or N4ZC on the telephone if there are any problems. They will be happy to work with you to solve any problems.

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